THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 26, 2025

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund. We are only $13,821.00 from reaching our goal. The Fund will remain open indefinitely and contributions can be dropped in the collection basket, dropped off at, or mailed to St. John the Baptist office at 25 Benton Avenue, Walton, NY 13856. Kindly write "Capital Improvement" in the memo space if you make your offering with a check. Again, I thank you very much.

Father Edward Golding

FAITH FORMATION

The next Faith Formation class will be March 23, 2025 at 12:00 noon at St. John's. Contact Katherine with questions. 607-437-7474

LENTEN FILM FESTIVAL

Please note the changes is the offerings.

This Lenten season, St. John's will once again host a different movie each Tuesday evening. The films will be presented at St. John the Baptist's Father Willis Hall at 6:00 pm. **There is no charge, and all are welcome!**

March 25 – "Life for Life" (St. Maximillian Kolbe
April 1– "St. Thérèse"
April 8– "Bernadette"
April 15 – "I Am With You" (Blessed Carlo Acutis) and "If I Didn't Have Love"(Blessed Pier Giorgio)

ROSARY CORNER

The Annunciation (continued): And Mary answered the angel: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to thy word."

SECOND COLLECTION

On Laetare Sunday, March 30th, in all our parishes and in churches throughout the country, we will be collecting your offering for the *Catholic Relief Services.* With your support, you serve Jesus to those who are poor and vulnerable in the most marginalized communities in our world. We are grateful for your contributions.

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

"There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life… Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'… We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (The Gospel of Life 86).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:00 pm during Lent at St. Peter's in Delhi and St. John the Baptist in Walton.

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will be at 3:00 pm at both St. Peter's and St. John's.

MASS OF ANOINTING

Father Golding will offer a Mass of the Sacrament of the Sick and anointing at St. John's on March 26, at the regularly scheduled Masses.

RECONCILIATION

Please note the change in schedule!

Individual reconciliation at St. John's will be Monday, March 24 and communal reconciliation has been changed to Wednesday, March 26, both at 6:30 pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Dale Hart, Barbara Cocks, Rick Kean, John Meinke, Alyson Bruse, Mia Morris, Anthony Contello, Brian Conway, Jeff Fritz, Derek, Linda Barr, Kristen Alderman, Peggy Haywood, Pat D., Jim Romaglia, Peter Michael Sehen, Agnes, Macky Church. Leo Hart, Pauline Ralston

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
The Annunciation of the Lord
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:23-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Also known as the Feast of the Incarnation, the Annunciation is a Solemnity in the Catholic Church. The angel Gabriel was sent by God to the town of Galilee in Nazareth, to Mary, the virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. We celebrate Gabriel's announcement of God's plan for the salvation of humanity. Gabriel's words to Mary, cherished and repeated for centuries throughout the world, are cause for great joy; "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and of his kingdom, there will be no end," Mary's Fiat- her yes to God's plan – changed the fate of humanity. May the angel's words resound in us: "For nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37). This feast day is March 25th.

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: NO vigil Mass at St. Peter's on April 12th.
Holy Family, no 8:00 am Mass
St. Peter's, 9:00 am Mass; St. John's, 11:15 am Mass

Holy Week: No daily Mass

Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday: 7:00 pm at St. John's

Easter Sunday: Holy Family, 8:00 am Mass; St. Peter's, 9:30 am Mass; St. John's, 11:15 am Mass

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

God our Father, reveal Your omnipotence in the superabundance of Your mercy to Your most faithful priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Please remember these priests of the Diocese of Albany in prayer on the following dates:

Mar 23 – Rev. Catejan Anyanwu, CMF & Rev. Luis Palacios, OFM Conv
Mar 24 – Rev. Randall Patterson & V. Rev. Joseph Busch
Mar 25 – V. Rev. Anthony Ligato & Rev. John Moyna
Mar 26 – Rev. Zachariah Chichester & Rev. Dennis P. Tamburello OFM
Mar 27 – Rev. Joseph Manerowski & Rev. Daniel McHale
Mar 28 – Rev. Richard Vosko Rev. John Varno
Mar 29 – All Priests

O Divine High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany your priests everywhere and protect them from the traps and snares of the devil.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING

Mar 24 - Betty Bivens, Lech Dulski, Joseph Branigan, Jr.
Mar 25 - Andrew King, Barbara Ryan, Frank Stacio
Mar 26 - Frederick Tippmann, Thomas Tracy, Sr., Ann Berg, Father Edward J. Ryan
Mar 27 - Max Heinrich, Frank O'Brien
Mar 28 – Harold Leitenberger, Nancy Martorana
March 30 - Hugh Lacey, Mary Porterfield, Robert Flanagan

ATTENTION STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12 NEXT YEAR

We will be taking our trip this upcoming November to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. This trip is an amazing 3-day experience that brings you closer to your faith while building friendships and having fun. Registration and deposit are required by the end of this month. If interested and you want to learn more please contact Brigid Maguire at 607-434-5874. The deadline is approaching so please don't hesitate to call.

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

Actual Sin, Personal and Communal

Under what conditions would a person commit a serious sin?

A person commits mortal sin when he or she

a) has deliberately done a grave evil,
b) has understood the gravity of that evil,
c) and acts voluntarily in doing such evil.

For something to be a serious sin, three conditions are necessary.

1) *Grave matter.* Not all the things that people do and not all duties and responsibilities have the same moral ramifications. A serious matter has to be so grave that it leaves our basic orientation to God badly marred. A lesser matter leaves this basic orientation untouched, as a venial sin.

2) *Knowledge of the gravity at the time of doing it.* Mortal sin presupposes that a person realizes the moral seriousness of his or her actions. Without this realization the sin is not mortal, but it may be a bad venial sin.

3) *The bad action must be freely and voluntarily performed.* This means that the person is not under emotional or physical compulsion but rather must knowingly and wilfully act against the will of God as he or she understands it in this situation. If there is any doubt about even one of these three conditions, there is no mortal sin in what was done. But if a person deliberately puts himself in dangerous situations he or she is considered culpable of the consequences.

Persons commit venial sins when they have

1) a lesser matter
2) or a grave matter but are not sufficiently aware of the gravity of the act or do not give full consent to it.

The Christian life, however, is motivated not by calculation, but love for God. When we truly love God, we will not want to deliberately offend Him even by a venial sin. *Knowing Your Faith, Rev. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J.*

MONEY MATTERS

The general collection for March 15th and 16th: Holy Family, $329.00, St. John's, $2,291.00, st. Peter's, $1,520.00 and CRS $65.00.